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Sub 1. (Amended) A connecting apparatus for a control cable having an inner wire that slides within an outer casing comprising:

- a cable sleeve adapted to receive the outer casing of the control cable;
- a guide having a first end portion and a second end portion, wherein the guide supports the cable sleeve so that the cable sleeve moves toward the first end portion and the second end portion;
- a biasing device for biasing the cable sleeve toward the second end portion of the guide;
- wherein the biasing device comprises a spring disposed between the guide and the cable sleeve; and
- wherein the spring surrounds a portion of the outer casing of the control cable.

Please cancel claims 6 and 11.

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

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Sub 19. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the second support and the fourth support are disposed inside the bracket casing, wherein the play confirmation means allows the positions of the second outer casing and the fourth outer casing to be visually confirmed based on the positions of the second outer casing and the fourth outer casing relative to the bracket casing, and wherein the bracket casing includes a window for viewing the positions of the second outer casing and the fourth outer casing.

Please add the following new claims:

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Sub 26. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the cable sleeve includes a spring sleeve that forms an annular space, and wherein at least a portion of the spring is disposed in the annular space.

27. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the first end portion of the guide includes a threaded outer peripheral surface for attaching the guide to a brake lever bracket.